WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a total of \$3,647,000 will be made available for the Federal courthouse project in Fresno. These funds were authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for GSA to renovate and construct Federal buildings and courthouses.

"Our courthouse in Fresno has been long overdue for renovation, and these funds could not be any timelier," said Costa. "Using taxpayer dollars to renovate this building, along with improving the building's energy technology, is a wise investment for the short and long term. I am looking forward to seeing this project completed."

The GSA selected the best projects for accomplishing the goals of the Recovery Act basted on two over-arching criteria: the ability of the project to put people back to work quickly, and transforming Federal buildings into high-performance green buildings. The project and others like it will be overseen by a regionally executive Program Management Office.